

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS – PLYMOUTH DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY



TIMOTHY J. CRUZ  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MAIN OFFICE:  
32 Belmont Street  
Brockton, MA 02301  
Tel: (508) 584-8120  
Fax: (508) 586-3578

**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release:  
November 7, 2014**

**Contact: ADA Bridget Norton Middleton  
(508) 584-8120**

---

**BROCKTON, MA-** Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced that Nicholas Pilalas, (DOB: 1/24/85) of Middleboro was convicted today of Murder in the Second Degree for the November 6, 2011 homicide of Dalton Goulart. The defendant was also found guilty of two counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault and Battery. The defendant was convicted after a six day jury trial in Brockton Superior Court.

The Commonwealth presented evidence that on November 6, 2011, the defendant stabbed unarmed Dalton Goulart in the town of Middleboro.

The case was investigated by the Middleboro Police and the State Police assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office.

The case was tried before Superior Court Judge Robert Cosgrove. Following the verdict, the defendant was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after fifteen years. The defendant was given time served on the remaining charges.

The case was prosecuted by Jeremy Beth Kusmin and E. Russell Eonas.

Dalton Goulart grew up in Middleboro in a family with three siblings, including an identical twin brother.

District Attorney Tim Cruz said, "Thanks to the hard work of the investigators involved, we hope this conviction will bring some peace to the family of Dalton Goulart."

#####